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## Celebrating Healthy Homes



**Above:** Joined by federal, state and local partners, HUD Regional Administrator Barbara Fields visited Lynn, MA to announce the City's recent \$2.36 million HUD Healthy Homes grant.

City officials and members of Congressman's Tierney's staff along with U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Regional Director Christie Hager (2nd from right) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency representative Marybeth Smuts (far right) look on as Lynn Mayor Judith Flanagan Kennedy receives a check from Barbara Fields.

### New England receives more than \$11.9M awarded in NE



**Left:** HUD New England Regional Administrator Barbara Fields announces a \$1.9M sustainability planning grant to the State of Rhode Island. Joining in the announcement were from left: RI Governor Lincoln Chafee; Kevin Flynn, State of RI; U.S. Senator Jack Reed; Congressmen James Langevin; U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and Congressman David Cicilline. For more information go to [NE Sustainability grants](#)

## New Rental Homes Open in Vermont



**Left:** With a light snow falling in late October, the Rutland Housing Authority and Housing Vermont proudly unveiled Hickory Street Apartments — seven new buildings with a total of 33 apartments. Hickory Street replaces RHA's outdated and deteriorated public housing units with energy efficient duplexes and small scale apartment buildings.

The total development cost of \$8.4 million came from a mix of private equity, bank debt and public grants and loans. Hickory Street Apartments is the first public housing, mixed-finance transaction completed in Vermont.

“Congratulations to Housing Vermont and the Rutland Housing Authority for making Hickory Street a great example of HUD's efforts to build strong, sustainable communities throughout New England,” said Barbara Fields, HUD Regional Administrator.

## Turning blight into homeownership: New Hampshire

Some stories about home ownership have happy endings – even during these economically difficult times.

When Stephen Kurtz moved to New Hampshire four years ago to live near his aging parents, he had high hopes of becoming a homeowner. After 20 years in the Navy, and with a job as a Corrections Officer at the York County Sheriff's Office, he wanted to settle in for the long term in the part of the country where he grew up. But then he took a look at local housing prices and his hopes were greatly diminished.

Then a friend told him about homes for sale in the Cold Stream Park neighborhood of Rochester, where vacant, foreclosed properties have recently been transformed by a joint effort by the City of Rochester and The Housing Partnership, a nonprofit developer based in Portsmouth.

The City and THP teamed up in 2009 to rehabilitate five properties using a \$2.5 million grant awarded to the City - one of only five such grants awarded in the Granite State under the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

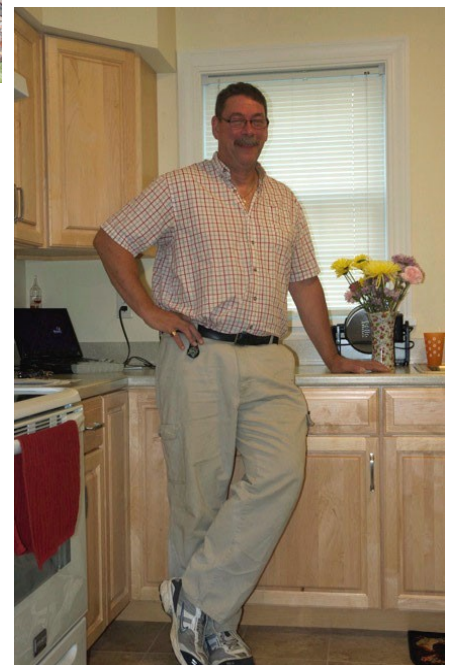
When Mr. Kurtz saw the finished product at 65 Lafayette Street and learned that it had two income-producing units, he was immediately interested.

“It was exactly what I needed – a home I could afford, with two rental units to provide extra income,” he said. He added, “I was amazed at the quality of the workmanship on the house. I didn't have to do a thing. Everything is new and works. It's a good way to start out as a homeowner.”

To qualify to purchase the Lafayette Street home, Mr. Kurtz needed to meet certain income qualifications and attend HUD-certified First-Time Homebuyer and Landlord Training classes. He also had to find qualified tenants for both rental units before closing the sale.

“It is gratifying to see these solid but troubled properties so richly restored and occupied by deserving working families,” said Marty Chapman, Executive Director of The Housing Partnership. “The restoration of the physical assets is a critical step in reintroducing the potential of this neighborhood. With these homes occupied, we expect others to be encouraged to move into the area -- completing the cycle of stabilization on which this important program was designed.”

“The Rochester project is a good example of what this program is all about -- putting people to work, saving buildings, creating housing and stabilizing neighborhoods,” said Gregory Carson, HUD's NH Field Office Director.



Stephen Kurtz pictured above inside his new Rochester home.

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## Maine Support for Homeless Vets



Maine Field Office Director, Bill Burney (fourth from left) participated in the 14th Annual Maine “Homeless Veterans Stand Down” — a nationwide effort to prevent and end homelessness for veterans — with Congressman Michael H. Michaud (3rd from left) and Brian Stiller (left) Director of the VA Medical Center – Togus Division. VA Homeless Liaison Susie Whittington is at the podium.

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## Celebrating HOME in CT



HUD Regional Administrator Fields and EPA Regional Administrator Curt Spaulding join Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch to celebrate the progress on construction of 11 new energy efficient HOME Program funded apartments being built at 60 Yaremich Drive in Bridgeport, CT.

## Opening Doors to new lives in RI



**Left:** Pictured from left are: Mike Tondra, State of RI; Richard Godfrey, RI Housing; HUD Regional Administrator Barbara Fields; Sol Rodriguez, Open Doors (cutting ribbon); Curt Spaulding, EPA Regional Administrator; Roberta Richman, RI Dept of Corrections; Craig Stenning, State of RI Dept. of MHRH; Michelle Brophy, Corporation for Supportive Housing

HUD Regional Administrator Fields joined Providence Mayor Taveras, EPA Regional Administrator Curt Spaulding and state, local officials to cut the ribbon on OpenDoors; the first large-scale housing development in Rhode Island specifically for individuals who were formerly incarcerated. Open Doors includes 19 apartments along with new office space for service providers. Residents will have access to services provided by OpenDoors, including employment training, financial literacy, mentoring, computer classes, case management, support groups, tax preparation assistance, and more. This development breathes new life into the neighborhood by restoring an abandoned factory into a beautiful building, enhancing the surrounding community and turning a ‘brownfield’ site into environmentally friendly green space. (Photo by Gretchen Ertl Photography)

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## HUD Secretary tours Olneyville neighborhood



**Left:** Secretary Donovan delivers remarks at a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) property under construction in Providence, RI's Olneyville neighborhood. The Secretary was joined by U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse, Congressman Jim Langevin and David Cicilline and Providence Mayor Angel Taveras in touring the city's successful neighborhood stabilization efforts.



### Boston wins sustainability grant

HUD Regional Administrator Fields was joined by Congressman Michael Capuano and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino to announce a \$1.8M Sustainability Community Challenge Grant to the City of Boston for the Fairmount Line Smart Growth Project.

**Left:** Travis Watson, resident and organizer with the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative talks about the impact the grant will have on his neighborhood during the recent grant announcement.

### MA First Lady joins Federal agencies to end domestic violence



With a powerful keynote address from Massachusetts First Lady, Diane Patrick, three federal agencies hosted a regional roundtable designed to bring community groups and government agencies together to discuss efforts to prevent and end domestic violence. The event was attended by more than 150 people. Pictured at left: Barbara Mahoney, Dept of Education; Barbara Fields, HUD; Mrs. Patrick; Christie Hager; Rear Admiral Michael Milner; Captain Marian Mehegan; Jessica Cates.